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LETTER DATED 3 FEBRUARY 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, the letter by His Excellency, Mr. Ilija Djukic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Annex

Letter dated 2 February 1993 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia addressed to the President of the Security Council

Despite many warnings of the highest representatives of the FR of Yugoslavia, armed attacks and provocations by Muslim soldiers from the former Bosnia-Herzegovina and by the regular military forces of the Republic of Croatia continue against the territory of the FR of Yugoslavia. Their goal is, undoubtedly, to draw, by all means, the FR of Yugoslavia in the civil and religious war in the former Bosnia-Herzegovina, i.e. in the military conflict with the Republic of Croatia, and to lay all the blame and shift the responsibility for the prolongation of the crisis in the territory of the former SFR of Yugoslavia onto the FR of Yugoslavia. Thus, the necessary preconditions will be fulfilled to carry out the present intentions of some international factors to apply the remaining enforcement measures available under Chapter VII of the Charter of the United Nations against the FR of Yugoslavia. The FR of Yugoslavia has, on numerous occasions, clearly and fully aware of the unforeseeable consequences that such acts might have, drawn the attention of the Security Council to them.

The gravity of the situation, Mr. President, requires that I write to you again and stress the danger of these senseless and unprovoked acts risking to bring about an unintended and uncontrollable spill-over of the war into the wider Balkan region and possibly beyond it. Therefore, I feel free to advise you of the violations of the integrity of the FR of Yugoslavia by Muslim and Croatian forces in 1993 alone which prove this concern:

1 January

The Muslim forces from the area of Jošanička Reka opened small arms fire on vehicles and passers-by on the Mali Zvornik-Ljubovija road. The traffic was suspended for two hours.

10 January

Around 3 p.m. from the area of the village of Voljevica (Bosnia-Herzegovina), the Muslim forces attacked from two anti-aircraft machine-guns the villages of Grabovica and Podnemić, about 3 km south of Ljubovija.

15 January

The Muslim forces fired mortars (15 shells) from the area of the village of Bjelovac in Bosnia-Herzegovina at the village of Grabovica on the Yugoslav side.

16 January

The Muslim forces attacked the town of Bajina Bašta and the area of the "Perućac" security post. Fifteen shells fell on the town and 25 on the security post. One person was injured and damage was done to the department store and a house in construction in Bajina Bašta.

17 January

The Muslim forces attacked the hydroelectric power station and the "Perućac" security post twice during the day. The attacks came from the territory of the former Bosnia-Herzegovina. The "Jagoštica" security post was under less heavy fire.

18 January

The Muslim forces from the area of the village of Kunjevac attacked the area of the village of Grabovac in the territory of the FR of Yugoslavia by firing 9 shells from 82 mm mortars. No casualties or damage were inflicted.

A group of Muslims tried, during the day, to get to the territory of the FR of Yugoslavia by crossing the Drina River in three boats in the area of the village of Jagoštica.

19 January

During the day, Muslim extremists occasionally opened fire from their positions in Bosnia-Herzegovina on Bajina Bašta and Perućac.

20 January

At 3.30 p.m., the Muslim forces attacked the area of Bajina Bašta with 3 shells fired from an 82 mm mortar.

24 January

The Muslim forces opened fire four times on the guards of the Army of Yugoslavia patrolling their beat in the area of Bajina Bašta.

25 January

The Muslim forces from the area of the village of Osatica (Bosnia-Herzegovina) repeatedly opened machine-gun fire on the security of the "Perućac" power station and the Yugoslav border authorities at the "Sjeverin" and "Raca" posts belonging to the 16th border battalion from Bajina Bašta.

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23 January

At about 4 p.m., the Croatian soldiers in the area of Pelimovo Brdo attacked from machine-guns the positions held by the Yugoslav Army in the Sitnica-Borovik area (border between Montenegro and Croatia).

24 January

The Croatian armed forces in the area of Cesmina Glava used AA machine-guns to attack the Yugoslav forces in the area of Sitnica (Montenegrin-Croatian border).

25 January

Between 3.30 p.m. and 6 p.m., the Croatian army operating in the area of the villages of Dubravka, Cesmina Glava and Crna Ljut attacked from anti-aircraft guns and machine-guns the positions of the Yugoslav units in the area of the village of Sitnica (Montenegrin-Croatian border).

28 January

During the day, the forces of the Republic of Croatia opened twice small arms fire on the forces of the FR of Yugoslavia stationed on the Montenegrin-Croatian border. The FR of Yugoslavia lodged a protest through the UNPROFOR liaison officer.

I wish to point out this time again that the FR of Yugoslavia is strongly committed to a peaceful settlement in the territory of the former SFR of Yugoslavia, including for the war in the former Bosnia-Herzegovina, and views the negotiations conducted within the Geneva Conference as the right road towards that end. This was also the main reason for our utmost restraint in responding to the attacks and provocations by the Muslim and Croatian forces. However, and I would like you to believe us, our patience and restraint are on end, and no one should doubt that the FR of Yugoslavia can adequately respond to safeguard its territorial integrity and sovereignty. Therefore, I call on you as the President of the Security Council to do your utmost to have the Security Council take urgent and effective measures, as laid down in the Charter, in order to protect the integrity of the FR of Yugoslavia and prevent any further actions by the Muslim and Croatian forces.

We believe in the power of authority of the United Nations and the Security Council and expect that they will act immediately.

(Signed) Ilija DJUKIC

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